



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1743**

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**RESPONSE**

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 10, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claim rejections.

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